

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

This blatant abuse of public airwaves should be stopped at once. The Federal Communications Commission is empowered to act in the public interest. When more large companies control more of the public airwaves, it compromises both our public interest and our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's unilateral actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.